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**AMENDMENT**

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**Interview Summary:**

On October 26, 2004, during a telephonic interview between Examiner David J. Parsley of the USPTO and F. Jason Far-hadian, Esq. of Century IP Law Group, it was suggested that the independent claims would be allowable if amended to recite that the claimed rigid portion comprises at least two separate components that are substantially housed in the resilient portion, because the claims as amended would distinguish over the cited reference (JP10-262501) in that the cited reference does not teach at least two separate components substantially housed in a resilient portion.

**Introductory Comments:**

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 31, 2004, in the above-captioned application. Claims 1-15 and 17-20 are pending in the current application. Claims 1-15 and 17-20 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Pursuant to the telephonic interview with the Examiner on October 26, 2004 and follow-up communication on October 29, 2004 this application is amended. Pursuant to

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37 C.F.R. § 1.116, entry of the amendments to the specification and claims 1, 11 and 17 as provided below is requested. The amendments place the claims in condition for allowance or, at least, present the application in better form for appeal.

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